

JANUARY 23, 1817.

Read twice and committed to a committee of the whole House
to-morrow.

A Bill

*To appoint an additional Judge for the Mississippi Territory, and
for other purposes.*

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of*
2 *the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That*
3 *an additional Judge be appointed for the Mississippi Territory,*
4 *who shall reside in the eastern part thereof, and receive the*
5 *same compensation as the other judges.*

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That the Judge appointed*
2 *by virtue of an act passed on the twenty-seventh day of March,*
3 *in the year one thousand eight hundred and four, for the ap-*
4 *pointment of an additional Judge in the Mississippi Territory, to-*
5 *gether with the Judge appointed for Madison county, and the*
6 *Judge to be appointed by virtue of this act, shall possess and*
7 *exercise exclusive original jurisdiction in the superior courts*
8 *of Washington, Baldwin, Clarke, Monroe, Montgomery,*

9 Wayne, Greene, Jackson, Mobile, Madison, and of such new
 10 counties as may be formed out of them, and shall arrange the
 11 same among themselves from time to time : *Provided*, That no
 12 Judge shall sit more than two times in succession in the same
 13 court.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the other Judges
 2 of the said Territory shall exercise, as heretofore authorized
 3 by any act of Congress or of the Territorial legislature, exclu-
 4 sive jurisdiction in the superior courts of the other counties.
 5 That a general court, to be composed of the Judges mentioned in
 6 the second section, or any two of them, shall be holden at St. Ste-
 7 phens on the first Mondays of January and July, annually, who
 8 shall have the same power of issuing writs of error to the su-
 9 perior courts of the counties, mentioned in the said section,
 10 which was given by the act for the appointment of an additional
 11 Judge, passed in the year one thousand eight hundred and four,
 12 to the superior court of Adams district, and shall possess, ex-
 13 clusively of the courts of the several counties, the federal ju-
 14 risdiction given to the superior courts of the Territories, by
 15 an act passed on the third day of March, in the year one thou-
 16 sand eight hundred and five, entitled, " An act to extend juris-
 17 diction, in certain cases, to the Territorial courts."